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- Up to October 1946, the Soviet Test Institute for Wind Propulsion at Warnemünde (082) worked on aircraft development, especially of German jet types. The staff, billeted in the former Hotel Hohenzollern, increased to 250 in October and consisted chiefly of technical designers and personnel - some of them former party members - from the Heinkel, Arado and Dornier factories.
- On 31 October, Ing. Geehrt, head of the wind propulsion department, and eight engineers on his staff received deportation orders. They left for Berlin by truck that afternoon for subsequent shipment to Russia.
- Geehrt's department in its present form is due to be liquidated by 31 December. Drawings, sketches, drawing instruments, calculations, and other material are now being packed, and will be sent by special transport to Moscow. Beginning in January, the department will cease to be responsible to Colonel Potemkinov at the Ministry for Aviation in Moscow and will be controlled by SMA, Schwerin. The new technical manager will be Dr. Nehmitz, formerly a leading executive at the Industrie-Werke in Rostock.
- The department's new program will call for the construction of fifteen kw wind-driven generators. Individual equipment will consist of a chassis made of "angle-iron", its prominent point to be equipped with a paddle wheel that will adjust its position automatically to the wind. The apparatus is to be relatively simple so that building costs should amount to approximately 3,000 marks.
- The Russians attach great value to this apparatus and want to be sure that details are worked out thoroughly for assembly line production. It is planned to use it on state farms and isolated agricultural enterprises, making them independent of supplies of electricity from central power stations.
- Dr. Nehmitz is shortly to receive the working program covering other developments in related fields.

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